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Suspect killed in shootout

Double murder. Angus David Mitchell was considered armed and dangerous when killed

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Police shot and killed a 26-year-old man in Maple Ridge Wednesday who is believed to have shot and killed two people at a Burnaby sushi restaurant Sunday and to have attempted to kill his landlord Tuesday.

Police issued a public warning Wednesday morning that Angus David Mitchell was armed with a high-powered rifle and considered extremely dangerous. About an hour later, someone spotted his green Aerostar van parked on a rural road near 216 Street, just north of 132 Avenue.

Supt. Dave Walsh, who heads the Ridge Meadows RCMP detachment, said plainclothes officers surrounded the van while members of the highly trained Lower Mainland District emergency response team brought in an armoured vehicle.

"The tactical armoured vehicle drove right up to the suspect's van, and then, using the loud hailer, were, I believe, attempting to get him to exit his vehicle," Walsh said.

"My understanding is he refused to come out initially.... They tried for five or 10 minutes to call him out on the PA system."

At some point around noon, shots were fired on both sides, although police won't say how many.

"He shot at police first," Walsh said.

Mitchell, a former security guard who had posted a bitter rant on his last employer's Facebook page May 4, was alive when he was airlifted to hospital but died shortly after 1 p.m.

No officers were injured and Vancouver police have taken over the investigation into the fatal shooting as per standard police practice. A rifle was seized from the scene.

Walsh said it was a difficult day for everyone involved.

"We're relieved that no officers were hurt, but certainly it's never a positive moment when you have to take any human life, because inevitably our role as the police is to do as much as we can to protect human life, so it's a tough day, to be honest," he said. "Thank God for the Lower Mainland District emergency response team."

RCMP Insp. Tim Shields holds up photos of Angus David Mitchell during a news conference in Burnaby on Wednesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family gets a second chance

Father feeling optimistic after the investigation into his son's death at the hands of the police is reopened PAGE 3

Bard back at the beach

It's another season of Shakespearian shenanigans as festival returns to Vanier Park PAGE 23

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Los Angeles continues hot streak on the road as they open up the Stanley Cup final with overtime win over the Devils PAGE 39

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Seniors' program

TaxiSaver program safe, for now

TransLink has given the TaxiSaver program a stay of execution and begun consultations with seniors and people with disabilities.

The 20-year-old program subsidizes 50 per cent of taxi fares for people with cognitive and physical disabilities. The transit authority announced two weeks ago TaxiSaver would be phased out at the beginning of July, with all coupons expiring in June 2013, but the decision was met with fierce opposition.

"We're starting consultation today, now, and there's not a specific timeline for completing the process," TransLink CEO Ian Jarvis told dozens of concerned citizens at the corporation's annual general meeting Wednesday. "Our view is we need to take the time to fully understand the implications of the decision."

When the decision was announced, TransLink said cutting the program would save $1.1 million per year that could be reinvested in providing more trips through HandyDART services.

Betty Newton, a senior who lives in New Westminster, told TransLink board executives that frail seniors at her facility will be less likely to seek medical care because HandyDART bookings require several days' notice.

"Our life is not governed in three-day bookings down the road and seven-day bookings down the road. I think the majority of people are using it for things that come up on short-term notice," she said.

City council will send letters to TransLink and the province demanding the program be saved.

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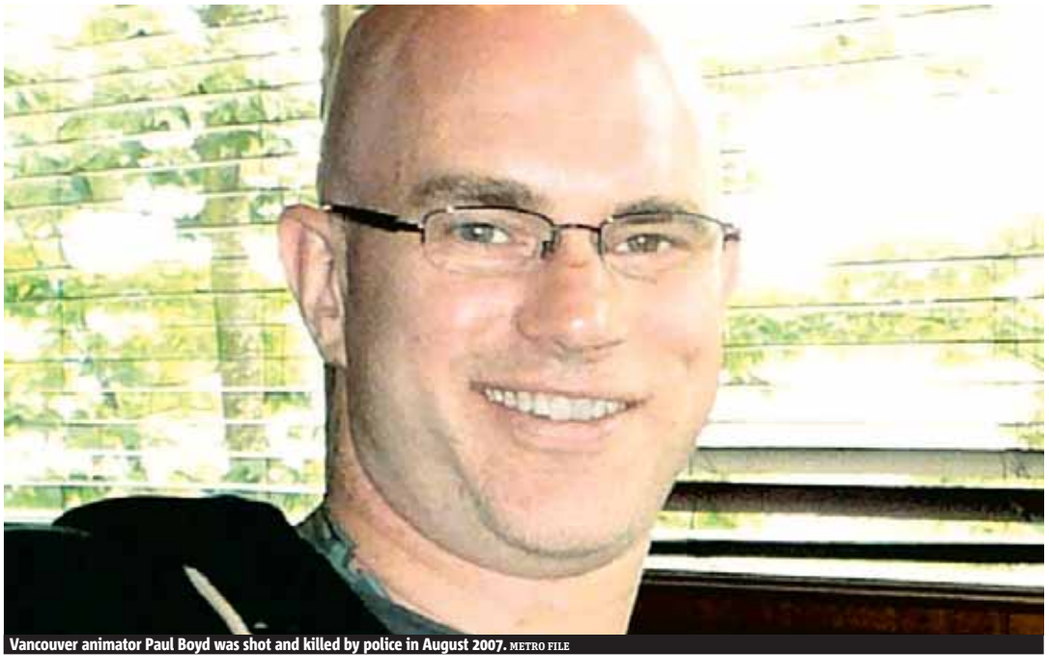

Vancouver animator Paul Boyd was shot and killed by police in August 2007. METRO FILE

Second chance at justice for Boyds

Police shooting. Family of Paul Boyd, shot and killed in 2007, hopes video brings light to incident

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The father of Paul Boyd believes that new video of his son being shot dead by a Vancouver police officer in 2007 can set the record straight.

David Boyd said he has "cautious optimism" now that the investigation into Paul's death has been reopened in light of the new video brought forward by a witness this week.

At the very least, he said, the public can judge for themselves whether Boyd posed a threat to police when the fatal shot was fired.

"The video is good because it shows that Paul was not a threat; you can see that with your own eyes," said David.

In the video, Paul — who had already been shot six times after assaulting an officer with a bike chain — is seen slowly crawling on his hands and knees towards Const. Lee Chipperfield as the officer apparently shoots him in the head.

The video kicked the province into high gear. It asked an outside agency in Alberta to review the new evidence and reopen the investigation into the Aug. 13, 2007, incident.

The B.C. Coroners Service is also revisiting the findings of its 2010 public inquest.

David said the video confirms most of the witness testimony heard at the inquest.

"All of the witnesses except for Chipperfield and a couple others said (Boyd) was crawling," the father said. "It was very consistent."

David contends Chipperfield, who was not charged in the incident, shouldn't be a police officer after the shooting.

And while he finds it hard to imagine that the decision not to charge the officer will be reversed, he hopes the incident is given a thorough review.

"But many promises were made to me before that it would be properly investigated, and that it didn't matter police were investigating another officer, so talk to me again in six months," said David. "I'm hoping they realize these officers did not do their duty and were responsible for my son's death unnecessarily."

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On the web

Facebook CEO's money woes continue

It's not just Facebook's stock that's having money trouble these days. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg was caught on camera dumbfounded after unsuccessfully trying to withdraw money from an ATM. Watch the clip online at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

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Time's up. B.C. government to halt debate in legislature

The B.C. government is invoking time limits to end debate in the legislature after a four-month spring session.

Liberal House Leader Rich Coleman says he will introduce a motion to ensure the legislature will adjourn on Thursday.

He says four bills will not be completed but the time limit means a major bill involving the province's return to the seven per cent provincial sales tax by next April will pass.

Coleman says the government was forced to make the change after the Opposition New Democrats chose to hold up debates.

He says late-night sittings and moving to rooms other than the legislature's chamber ensured more work could be done, but time ran out. The NDP has accused the Liberals of stacking the legislative agenda but not leaving enough time to ensure important laws receive full and fair scrutiny.

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Quarantine. Tests confirm virus at B.C. salmon farm

Tests have confirmed an infectious virus at a salmon farm on Vancouver Island.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says the IHN virus was detected in fish at farm operated by Mainstream Canada at Dixon Bay near Tofino.

The agency says all the fish have been destroyed and the farm will remain under quarantine until all pens, cages and equipment have been cleaned and disinfected.

The agency says the virus does not pose a risk to human health and is found in wild fish in the Pacific.

A quarantine was imposed earlier at another Mainstream farm at Bawden Point, also over fears the virus might be present.

A third quarantine had been imposed on a fish farm on the Sunshine Coast operated by Grieg Seafood, but later testing for the IHN virus came back negative.

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RCMP

Clark urges cities to sign contracts

Premier Christy Clark is encouraging several B.C. cities to sign the new RCMP contract. Richmond, Burnaby, Port Coquitlam and the City and District of North Vancouver are still considering their options after finding out the 20-year contract contains possible undisclosed wage increases that must be paid by the local governments. Clark says she thinks cities are making a mistake if they don't sign on, and citizens could face huge tax increases if they don't.

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Glass half empty?

Wine bill may wither on vine

Okanagan-Coquihalla MP Dan Albas is accusing the Opposition New Democrats of delaying his private members bill — which would remove rules that bar people from buying wine at vineyards in one province and taking it back to their home province — by demanding amendments when it came up for third reading last night. But federal NDP house leader Nathan Cullen says his party has offered to ensure the bill passes third reading before the summer break.

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Mits Sumiya looks through a yearbook with his wife, Gloria, before an awarding ceremony at UBC. He is one of the 76 Japanese-Canadian students who received an honorary degree from UBC Wednesday, having been forced to leave their studies when they were interned during the Second World War.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Graduation at last for UBC students of 1942

Granting closure. Degrees recognize Japanese-Canadians whose studies were derailed when they were interned

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For Mits Sumiya, Roy Oshiro and Jack Kobayashi, getting an honorary degree from UBC means so much more than getting a piece of paper. It's about getting closure that has been 70 years in the making.

They are three of 76 Japanese-Canadian students, whose studies were derailed when they were interned in 1942 during the Second World War.

Oshiro, 90, who travelled all the way from Okinawa, Japan, to Vancouver with his family for the special ceremony, said the degree itself does nothing for him, but the gesture means the world to him and his family.

"For the university to own up and say, 'I'm sorry we kicked you out of UBC.' That's big," Oshiro said. "This is something that happens once in a thousand years."

Mits Sumiya, who was born on Bowen Island, wrote his final first-year exam at UBC in 1942 before being ordered to leave Vancouver the next day with his family.

He had been a member of the Canadian Officer Training Corps and swore his allegiance to the Crown. But he was struck out of the roster, ordered to turn in his uniform and sent to a "prisoner-of-war camp" in Ontario, where he spent four years of his life.

Getting the degree feels like that he is really a part of UBC, he said. "It's like they're putting an arm around you and saying, 'Welcome back,'" said Sumiya, 89.

Kobayashi's niece Vivian Rygnestad said her uncle, who came all the way from Toronto, is just happy about the recognition and catching up with the other students whom he hasn't seen for years. "He said 'I'm going to walk across the stage. I'm going to have a cap and gown.' He's just thrilled, but I think it goes beyond that. It's a recognition for our elders," she said.

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Bill. NDP attempts to ban cosmetic pesticides

The NDP is trying to force the hand of the provincial government on the use of cosmetic pesticides by resurrecting its own legislation on the issue.

A Liberal-dominated committee of the legislature decided not to call for a provincial ban on domestic pesticides, saying the science on the issue wasn't strong enough to justify such a move.

NDP Leader Adrian Dix says B.C. residents want action on the issue and he will re-introduce a private member's bill calling for a ban on the use of toxic pesticides on lawns and in other places where children play. He says 40 communities in B.C. have passed bylaws to restrict the use of these products, but they can't get them off store shelves without provincial legislation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teen was shot

Surrey man gets 7 years for death

A 22-year-old Surrey man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for the shooting death of a teenage boy almost two years ago.

However, with time served factored in, Steven Mulligan-Brum will serve no more than four years and six months in jail.

He pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of 16-year-old Kosovo immigrant Adam Alieu in July of 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Western premiers

Progress made on energy strategy

Canada's western premiers have agreed to set up a working group to back Alberta Premier Alison Redford's vision of a national strategy to jointly develop, lobby, sell and sustain this country's energy resources.

The plan would see the provinces and the federal government work together to reduce red tape, expand markets and create joint research and environmental initiatives.

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Rock to return to its roots

The Interior. Petroglyph rock is headed back to original home in Churn Creek Protected Area

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A six-tonne petroglyph rock that has been in Vancouver since 1926 will be making its journey back to its original home.

"It's been 86 years since the petroglyph rock was taken without our consent from our traditional area," said Hank Adam, chief of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, in a statement.

"For (us), it means a sense of empowerment for us to finally have a voice as to the future of this sacred petroglyph rock," Adam said. "It is an exciting time for our community. We look forward to the rock's journey home."

Quoted

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Hank Adam, chief of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation

A petroglyph rock at the Museum of Vancouver will be returning to its home with the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, west of Clinton in the Interior, on June 13. COURTESY OF MUSEUM OF VANCOUVER; INSET: FACEBOOK.COM

Prospector H.S. Brown discovered the three-by-five boulder in 1926 on the east bank of the Fraser River near Crow's Bar. He brought it to the attention of a park-board chair, who arranged for it to be moved to Vancouver's Stanley Park.

It took a team of 10 horses a month to drag the boulder over the mountains to the railhead near Clinton. It lived in Stanley Park for years until it was moved to the Museum of Vancouver in 1992.

The petroglyph will start its journey June 12 and will be placed in Churn Creek Protected Area on June 13.

Repatriation co-ordinator Phyllis Webstad said the images on the rock could have been done by boys when they were doing their first rites of passage from boyhood to manhood sometime between the 1500s and 1800s.

It also could have been a boundary marker in one of their villages, she said.

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A decade in the spotlight

DTES photo contest. Hope in the Shadows kicks off its 10th year Saturday with the camera handouts at 121 Heatley Ave.

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A Downtown Eastside photography contest is no longer hiding in the shadows as organizers begin celebrating its 10th anniversary.

This weekend, Pivot Legal Society will be giving out 200 single-use cameras for the 10th annual Hope in Shadows contest, which sends eager shutterbugs out into the community to capture images of life in the marginalized and often misunderstood neighbourhood.

The winning shots are profiled in a calendar each year, which is sold by street vendors who pocket half of the proceeds for themselves.

The contest has captured the imagination of the community and has created a lasting legacy, according to resident Sandra Czechaczek.

"I think it's one of the best things that has happened down here," said Czechaczek, who first got involved with Hope in Shadows as a street vendor in 2003 before becoming a winning photographer herself in 2010. "It makes people believe in their potential and makes them feel good about themselves."

In the first year, Pivot sold 1,500 Hope in Shadows calendars.

Last year, the 2012 calendar sold 14,500 copies, according to project co-ordinator Carolyn Wong.

The success of the contest has given a voice to people used to others casting judgment on them, according to Wong.

"The contest is still really relevant today because there are a lot of perceptions of the community that are negative," she said. "It's an opportunity for the photographers to represent the community through their own eyes. It gives them a voice and the opportunity to be part of the dialogue, which I think is really important."

Czechaczek says she notices the effect first-hand when she sells the calendars each year.

"People see that there are people in the Downtown Eastside that have talent. We're way more solid than people think," she said. "To me it's a community, I feel like my family is down here."

The 2013 calendar will launch in early October.

Panel of judges

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Residents will have 3 days to capture photos before a panel of judges sifts through 3,500 images for winners in five categories.

Hope in Shadows has brought financial success to Sandra Czechaczek, both as a street vendor and as a photographer, for this winning 2010 photo entry.
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Judge ups gun-crime sentence for Sanghera cousins

Two members of a crime group police partly blame for a Vancouver gang war in 2008 received tougher sentences from a B.C. Supreme Court judge than the Crown had asked for.

Boby and Navdip Sanghera, who are cousins, both received seven-year sentences on convictions that included possession of prohibited weapons and unlawfully being in a vehicle with a firearm.

Crown prosecutor Mark Sheardown had not sought further jail time for the Sangheras, suggesting that a six-year sentence would be enough.

The cousins had already served just over three years in pre-trial custody, which was counted as double time toward their sentences.

But B.C. Supreme Court Justice Heather Holmes cited the violence that gang wars have created in the Lower Mainland over recent years in her decision to give a tougher sentence.

"I don't depart from the Crown's suggestion lightly," Holmes said. The "gravity of the offences" justified the longer jail terms, in her view.

Boby Sanghera also received a further 18-month sentence for breaching bail conditions, while Navdip Sanghera received an extra two years for violating a previous prohibition on gun possession.

Each of those sentences were added consecutively onto the seven-year sentences, but with the pre-trial custody taken into account, both men will be out of jail within three years.

The convictions stem from a Nov. 8, 2008, search of a rented vehicle that revealed three loaded handguns in a hidden compartment.

The trial heard police had been watching the Sangheras for weeks after a series of drive-by shootings escalated a dispute between various gangs in the city.

Shortly before pulling over the vehicle, police had heard from a confidential informant that the Sangheras were in "hunt mode."

Two other men who were in the vehicle at the time were acquitted of charges.

A third man was also sentenced by Holmes on a separate conviction.

Savdip Sanghera, brother of Navdip, was sentenced to six years in prison for transferring a semi-automatic handgun on Jan. 31, 2009.

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'Hunt mode'

- Shortly before pulling over the vehicle, police had heard from a confidential informant that the Sangheras were in "hunt mode."
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It was a moment Jenni Byrne will never forget.

One of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's most senior staffers, she was handed a suspicious-looking package when it arrived at Conservative party headquarters just blocks from Parliament Hill.

Byrne warily examined the bloodstained box.

She opened it — and a foul, "horrible" odour escaped and overcame the office.

Inside, was a human foot.

And so began one of the most disturbing police investigations ever.

For after that shock for Byrne on Tuesday, Ottawa police, in a nightlong investigation, found a hand at a Canada Post mail facility.

"I'm fine," said Byrne — the national campaign manager for the 2011 general election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mailed hate

From poop to hate mail, MPs get alarming items delivered to their offices.

- **"I think human waste ... when I was in opposition," Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said when asked about his weirdest mail.**

Alleged kitten killing

Facebook group seeks a Magnotta

Long before a Canada-wide arrest warrant was issued for Luka Rocco Magnotta, a Facebook group lobbied to have a man by the same name arrested for allegedly killing kittens.

The group was created in response to a video that allegedly shows a kitten being killed in a vacuum-sealed bag.

A member of the kitten group said on the Facebook page on Wednesday: "Members of this group have spent over a year searching for this individual." JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA

Porn actor hunted in body-parts homicide

Caution: Graphic content. A man is wanted in connection with a three-step crime: a killing, a dismemberment and a mailing of body parts to Ottawa

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Metro in Ottawa

Luka Rocco Magnotta is shown in a photo from the website luka-magnotta.com. Magnotta is wanted in the shocking case of a dismembered body whose parts were mailed to Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS/LUKA-MAGNOTTA.COM

Police are looking for a low-budget-porn star wanted in a shocking homicide that came to light Tuesday when a severed foot was mailed to Tory party headquarters in Ottawa.

On Wednesday, Montreal police issued a Canada-wide arrest warrant for Luka Rocco Magnotta, 29, believed to be originally from Toronto.

He's connected to the discovery of a human torso in Montreal and mailed body parts found in Ottawa Tuesday.

Before the severed remains were discovered, someone posted a video online, purporting to show a young man being stabbed with an ice pick. While the victim lay naked, the killer then dismembered the corpse and committed sexual and cannibalistic acts on it.

The video is now being reviewed by Montreal police.

Magnotta, who police say also goes by the names Eric Clinton Newman and Vladimir Romanov, is described as white, five feet 10, weighing 134 pounds, with blue eyes and black hair.

His multiple identities were confusing enough that police had to issue a second press release Wednesday after originally identifying him as "Rocco Luka." Police said Magnotta has no criminal record.

Following the grisly discovery of the human foot at Conservative party headquarters in Ottawa, police intercepted a package containing a hand at Canada Post's main terminal in Ottawa.

That package was destined for the Liberal Party of Canada, Montreal police said.

Both packages were mailed to Ottawa from Montreal. Police believe the body parts all belonged to the same male victim. WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quebec tuition talks hit impasse

Negotiations continue. Students prepared to stick it out until a deal is reached, some groups say

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, spokesperson for Quebec student group CLASSE, walks to a meeting with the provincial government in Quebec City on Wednesday. JACQUES BOISSINOT /THE CANADIAN PRESS

Negotiations between students and the provincial government have hit a wall, student leaders said Wednesday evening as they returned to a third day of talks, a lot less optimistic about a positive outcome.

During a suppertime break, Martine Desjardins, head of one of the university groups, said the Education Department hasn't yet looked at the student counter-proposal submitted Tuesday.

"We are disappointed," she told reporters, adding that reaching a deal Wednesday will ultimately depend on the government's response.

"It is clear that there is a possible deal with what we put on the table."

The talks resumed with the participation of Finance officials, who will comment on the students' counter-proposal.

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, a co-spokesman for the more hardline CLASSE group, said it has no immediate plans to walk away from talks but will take a decision depending on how they progress.

"We made steps forward yesterday; this afternoon we took steps backward," he said. "If the tone has changed, it's really on the government's side, not the students."

Addressing the proposed tuition-fee increase appears to be the key to hammering out an elusive deal to end the four-month dispute.

An offer to cut the proposed tuition-fee increase by $35 was dismissed unanimously in talks Tuesday night, said two of the heads of students groups involved.

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Drawing on a sense of humour

Jim Unger, the artist behind the syndicated cartoon strip Herman, has died at 75. Friend and fellow cartoonist Adrian Raeside says Unger had been feeling unwell for some time and died in his sleep at his home in Saanich, B.C. Born in London, England, Unger immigrated in 1968 to Canada, where his cartooning career began at the Mississauga Times in Mississauga, Ont. Herman became a syndicated cartoon in 1974, eventually appearing in newspapers around the world. Unger twice won the National Cartoonist Society's award for best syndicated panel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Artworks damaged in Montreal storm

Hundreds of works of rare art have been damaged at one of Montreal's main museums by heavy rains that battered the city on Tuesday, flooding buildings and overwhelming the city's aging infrastructure.

"We have one to three feet of water in our basement," Paulette Gagnon, director of the Montreal museum of contemporary art, said Wednesday.

Gagnon said it is still too early to assess the extent or cost of the damage but most of the objects can be repaired.

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Departure

Calgary Tory MP steps down

Calgary MP Lee Richardson, whose political connections to Ottawa extend back four decades, is quitting the House of Commons to work for Alberta Premier Alison Redford as her primary secretary.

The veteran politician took his gracious leave of the Commons on Wednesday.

Richardson, 64, was a deputy chief of staff to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Whistleblower case

Journalist charged in Israel

Israel's attorney general has announced the indictment of a journalist who reported on classified documents provided by a military whistleblower. Officials said Uri Blau, a reporter for the Haaretz daily, is charged with unauthorized possession of state secrets. The maximum sentence is seven years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Villagers killed

UN council to meet on Syria massacre

A UN body will hold a special session Friday on the deteriorating situation in Syria and last week's massacre of more than 100 Syrian villagers.

The UN Human Rights Council said Wednesday its special session will address the massacre in Houla, Syria, which drew international condemnation and prompted the U.S. and at least a dozen other nations to expel Syrian diplomats.

The massacre has provoked strong global condemnation, but it is unlikely to trigger a military assault similar to last year's NATO-led campaign in Libya to oust Moammar Gadhafi.

A total of 51 nations — including France, Germany, Britain, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates — signed their support for the session. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Killing of 18 protesters

Egyptian cop gets five years

A court has convicted a policeman on charges of killing protesters during last year's uprising and sentenced him to five years in prison.

Mohammed el-Sunni was charged with taking part in the killing of 18 protesters in Cairo during the uprising that toppled dictator Hosni Mubarak. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman rides her bike amid debris in Cavezzo, northern Italy, Wednesday. A quake struck the same area on May 20. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy to rebuild area hit by second deadly quake

Emilia Romagna region. Towns of Mirandola, Medolla and Cavezzo closest to epicentre

Italian rescue workers removed the last earthquake victim from the rubble Wednesday, bringing the death toll to 17 as the government approved measures to rebuild the quake-hit area.

It's an area that is very crucial to Italy's economic health.

The magnitude-5.8 tremor north of Bologna on Tuesday felled old buildings and new factories and warehouses alike, many of them already weakened by a stronger quake May 20 that measured magnitude-6 and killed seven people.

In both quakes, the dead were disproportionately workers toiling in factories, leading to some questions about Italy's building codes or possible corruption.

"I remember with sorrow the deaths in Emilia, who died while working, mostly workers but also entrepreneurs," said Interior Minister Anna Maria Cancellieri.

Prime Minister Mario Monti has promised the government will do whatever is necessary to rebuild the region.

On Wednesday, the government approved measures, including raising the price of gas by .02 cents US a litre, to begin the reconstruction of homes, businesses and historic structures, including many churches, in the stricken area.

Crews on Wednesday pulled the last body from the rubble of a factory in the town of Medolla.

Three others also died in the structure. Civil Protection authorities in Rome say no one else is missing. The quake also injured 350.

Many people spent the night in tent camps. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Martin Short plays it cool after Kathie Lee Gifford's on-air gaffe

A comedy of errors. Today Show host asks Canadian comedian how his dead wife is doing, then tweets embarrassing apology.

Kathie Lee Gifford
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Wednesday was an embarrassing day for Kathie Lee Gifford.

In what could very well be the gaffe of the year, Gifford made a humiliating mistake during an interview with actor Martin Short on The Today Show.

Then, she directed her apology to the wrong Martin Short.

During an interview with Short in the morning, Gifford led into what appeared to be an unscripted conversation with him by telling viewers that he has one of the happiest and best marriages in show biz. She went on to ask him, "How many years has it been for you guys?"

Short answered that he and his wife have been married for 36 years. Kathie Lee then playfully teased Short about how he and his wife are still in love and asked, "Why?"

Seems like a charming conversation when you leave out one glaring, elephant-in-the-room factor: Martin Short's wife, Nancy Dolman, died of ovarian cancer in 2010.

You wouldn't know it was a touchy subject by watching Short's composure during the awkward line of questioning. He answered with poise and handled it like a true professional without correcting Kathie Lee and making things even more awkward than they already were.

Once Gifford was alerted to her embarrassing error, she took to Twitter to clear the air, tweeting, "I send my sincerest apologies to @MartinShort and his family. He handled situation w/enormous grace and kindness and I'm so grateful."

The only problem with that, is @MartinShort is an account with only 81 followers and a history of just one obscure tweet from 2009. Since Martin Short has stated he has no interest in joining Twitter, we're assuming that @MartinShort is not his account.

We're sure Kathie Lee meant her apology, but we'd be quicker to forgive if it had been directed to the correct Martin Short. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Three-beaked baby bird found in backyard

A Northampton, Mass., woman made an unusual discovery in her yard — a deformed baby cardinal with two heads and three beaks. April Britt tells the Daily Hampshire Gazette the bird apparently couldn't eat without assistance from the adult birds. The middle beak didn't work well and the other two didn't appear to be connected to the bird's throat. A scientist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society says animals with such abnormalities rarely survive birth, and added the deformities could have been caused by genetic or environmental factors. The bird's abnormalities could be the result of random chance, some type of problem during development in which a pair of embryos didn't split as they should have, man-made chemicals affecting the development of the embryo, or a combination of those factors. On Tuesday morning, the baby bird and two adults were no longer in the tree where they had made a home. APRIL BRITT|THE DAILY HAMPTON GAZETTE

SpaceShipTwo. Virgin Galactic cleared for takeoff

Virgin Galactic says it expects to make rocket-powered test flights of its passenger spaceship later this year.

The company said Wednesday its spaceship builder partner has been granted an experimental permit from the Federal Aviation Administration — a move that will allow it to proceed with powered flights.

No timetable has been set for the first launches carrying paying customers, but that will come after the test program is complete.

More than 500 people including actor Ashton Kutcher have signed up with Virgin Galactic for a chance to experience weightlessness during suborbital flights.

Virgin Galactic and Mojave, California-based Scaled Composites have been glide-testing their six-passenger vehicle SpaceShipTwo, which is air-launched from a twin-fuselage carrier airplane.

Work is underway to integrate the rocket motor into SpaceShipTwo.

In a Hollywood-style rollout in 2009, Virgin Galactic unveiled SpaceShipTwo, which had been under secret development for two years in the Mojave Desert.

The company plans to sell suborbital space rides for $200,000 US a ticket.

SpaceShipTwo will be carried aloft by White Knight Two and released at 50,000 feet. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Dublin concert. Bono to honour Aung San Suu Kyi

Bono will present Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi with Amnesty International's highest honour when she visits Dublin next month as part of her first international tour in 24 years, the U2 singer and other organizers of an Irish tribute concert announced Wednesday.

Suu Kyi is scheduled to visit Dublin on June 18, a day after collecting her Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

Suu Kyi was awarded the Nobel in 1991, and Amnesty's Ambassador of Conscience award in 2009.

She was unable to claim either award in person until now because she was under house arrest for 15 of the past 24 years and, even when free, afraid to leave Myanmar in case the country's military junta barred her return.

Aung San Suu Kyi waves to a crowd in Thailand on Wednesday.
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Bono devoted a series of U2's 2009 concerts to Suu Kyi, demanding her release from house arrest.

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On the buses. Double deckers return to Baghdad

Iraqis welcomed the return of red double-decker buses to Baghdad's streets this week, a colorful sign that the country is moving toward normalcy after a decade of war and sectarian violence.

Once a distinctive feature of the capital, the red buses with long white and black stripes disappeared from the streets after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, and the looting and chaos that followed. Most of the old buses were either stolen or broke down.

Iraq recently bought 60 new double-decker buses from the Jordan-based manufacturer Elba House, said Hadif Omran, an official in a state-run transportation company.

For Baghdad's stressed residents, the buses brought back memories of a less turbulent time.

Turning back time

"I felt that dear memories about Baghdad have come to reality"

Government employee Mustafa Qassim reacting after riding one of Baghdad's new double-decker buses on Wednesday.

A bus ticket is 500 Iraqi dinars, or about 40 cents, a cheaper alternative to yellow taxis or dilapidated minibuses roaming the metropolis of more than seven million people.

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Foie gras frenzy makes Calif. protesters choke

State ban looms. Ducks are force-fed to create a dining delicacy — and chefs can barely keep up with the high demand

Mouth-watering or just plain cruel? Foie gras shown here has been torched and made into a brulée at Sent Sovi restaurant in Saratoga, Calif.
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This is not a good time to be a duck with a fatty liver in California.

Chefs are loading their high-end menus with duck liver: terrine de foie gras, seared foie gras with mango chutney, foie gras salad and sweet foie gras for dessert.

And they are keeping secret the locations of their multi-course dinners to avoid animal-cruelty protesters.

The reason for the fuss? A July 1 ban on the production and sale of foie gras is looming in California.

Demand for the delicacy — created by force-feeding ducks through funnel-like tubes — has never been higher.

"The price has doubled. People are finding it hard to get it because the demand is so high," said Tracy Lee of the San Jose-based travelling dining service Dishcrawl, which has organized 15 secret, sold-out foie gras dinners.

Meanwhile, protesters in San Francisco and Los Angeles are staking out restaurants.

"Many people don't know what foie gras is or how it's produced and they're horrified when we tell them," said Dana Portnoy, who organizes San Francisco-area protests.

To the oohs and aaahs of about 30 diners, chef Josiah Slone hosted a seven-course foie gras feast at his Sent Sovi restaurant in Saratoga.

He started with arugula with foie gras vinaigrette, moved to foie gras mousse with tartufata and English peas and seared foie gras with savory rhubarb pie. For dessert: foie, peanut butter and chocolate.

Foie gras is made from liver swollen to 10 times its normal size. Ducks' livers become so engorged by the feeding process called "gavage" that the birds can't walk and have trouble breathing.

Gavage has been outlawed in a dozen countries — including Israel, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.
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Irony on the menu?

"High-end foodies and chefs stuffing down their throats excessive amounts of fatty liver from force-fed ducks in the run-up to the ban paint a pretty ironic picture."
Jennifer Fearing, of the Humane Society of the United States

A new view of Venus

Look closely at this rare photo, taken in 2004. That tiny dot at top left is the planet Venus passing across the face of the sun, as viewed from the Philippines. On June 5, Venus will again pass across the sun, producing a view no one alive today will likely see again. Transits of Venus are very rare — June's transit won't be repeated until 2117.
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Pope says he's saddened, grateful amid scandal

Leak. Comments come after pope's documents were found in his butler's apartment

Pope Benedict XVI broke his silence Wednesday over the leaked-documents scandal that has convulsed the Vatican, saying he was saddened by the betrayal but grateful to those aides who work faithfully and in silence to help him do his job.

Benedict made his first direct comments on the scandal in off-the-cuff remarks at the end of his weekly general audience. He lashed out at some of the media reports about the scandal, saying the "exaggerated" and "gratuitous" rumours had offered a false image of the Holy See.

The Italian media have been in a frenzy ever since the pope's butler, Paolo Gabriele, was arrested last week after Vatican investigators discovered papal documents in his apartment.

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Difficult to explain

- **The motivations for the leaks remain unclear.** Some commentators say they appear designed to discredit Benedict's No. 2, the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. Others say they're aimed at undermining the Vatican's efforts to become more financially transparent. Still others say they aim to show the 85-year-old Benedict's weakness in running the church.

Pope Benedict XVI gives his blessing Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WikiLeaks. Assange loses extradition case

Julian Assange THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain's Supreme Court has endorsed the extradition of WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange to Sweden, an important turning point in the Internet activist's controversial career.

Assange, 40, has spent the better part of two years fighting attempts to send him to the Scandinavian nation, where he is accused of sex crimes. The U.K. end of that struggle appeared to come to a messy conclusion Wednesday, with the nation's highest court ruling five to two that the warrant seeking his arrest was properly issued — and Assange's lawyer arguing that the case should be reopened.

Supreme Court president Nicholas Phillips, speaking for the majority, acknowledged that Assange's case "has not been simple to resolve," but that the court had concluded that "the request for Mr. Assange's extradition has been lawfully made and his appeal against extradition is accordingly dismissed."

Assange won't be extradited immediately no matter what happens. His lawyer, Dinah Rose, stood up after the verdict to say that the decision was based on evidence that was not argued during the appeal and requested time to study the verdict further with an eye toward trying to reopen the case.

Phillips said he would give Rose two weeks to make her move.

Even if the Supreme Court refuses to reopen the case, Assange could appeal to the European Court of Human Rights, although extradition experts have said that route wasn't likely to block his removal to Sweden in the long run.

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Thailand censorship

Webmaster gets 8-month suspended sentence for not removing comments

A court sentenced a Thai webmaster Wednesday to an eight-month suspended sentence for not moving quickly enough to delete online comments deemed insulting to the country's royalty in a case widely seen as a test of freedom of expression in Thailand.

While the ruling showed leniency, it also sent the message that Internet content in the Southeast Asian nation must be self-censored. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Norwegian mass killer acted alone: Police

Anders Behring Breivik has his handcuffs removed in an Oslo courtroom on Wednesday. HAAKON MOSVOLD LARSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Knights Templar.

Breivik says he was a resistance fighter in a Europe-wide militant group, but no evidence has been found to support his claims

Norwegian police said Wednesday they are confident that confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik acted on his own in terror attacks last year that killed 77 people and that they found no evidence he belonged to a Europe-wide anti-Muslim network.

Breivik insisted a militant group "Knights Templar" exists and repeated a warning that it would attack within 15 months. "It will be proved within a year and three months because then a new attack will come," he told the Oslo District Court. He did not elaborate.

The 33-year-old extremist, who has made similar threats before, has confessed to the killings but denies criminal guilt, saying the victims had betrayed their country by embracing immigration.

Five officers who testified at Breivik's murder trial said they found no proof of anyone being complicit in his plans or helping him in any way in the bomb attack in central Oslo that killed eight people and the subsequent shooting spree that left 69 dead at a Labor Party youth retreat on Utoya island.

Chief investigator Kenneth Wilberg told the court that police were sure of their findings and that they also found no proof Breivik belonged to Knights Templar, as claimed by the killer.

Wilberg said 50 police officers were still investigating Breivik's attacks but that they did not expect to find new evidence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Nothing in our investigation supports that Knights Templar exists."

Kenneth Wilberg, chief investigator

Webcam-spy case. Man to start jail term while appealing sentence

A day after apologizing for the first time, an Indian-born man convicted of using a webcam to spy on his gay university roommate gave up his right to remain free Wednesday, while prosecutors appeal his 30-day jail sentence and ask for harsher punishment.

The case of Dharun Ravi focused national attention on the treatment of young gays and lesbians in U.S. society. The roommate, Tyler Clementi, killed himself after he learned about the spying. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dharun Ravi during a hearing in New Brunswick, N.J., Wednesday. GEOFF MULVIHILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Religious rights. Sikh, Muslim workers allowed to wear head coverings

New York's Sikh and Muslim transit workers will be allowed to wear religious head coverings without an agency logo — after years of legal battles.

A settlement was announced Wednesday between workers and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The agency faced a string of lawsuits after deciding before 9-11 that employees wearing the traditional Sikh turbans and Muslim headscarves had to work out of public view. The agency later changed it so that workers were allowed to wear the head coverings in public — but only with the MTA logo attached.

The U.S. Justice Department brought the case on behalf of 10 workers.

The settlement is in response to the federal lawsuit alleging the MTA discriminated against workers wearing the head coverings.

The MTA says the settlement "contains no finding of fault or liability." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air France

Report to shed light on crash

French investigators say the report into the causes of the Air France flight 447 crash will soon be published, three years after the jet went down in the mid-Atlantic, killing all 228 people aboard. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. election scandal

Jury still out in Edwards trial

The jury in the John Edwards campaign-finance corruption trial faces its eighth day of deliberations. The former U.S. presidential candidate faces six charges involving nearly $1 million provided by two donors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Taylor handed 50 years in prison

Court ruling. Amputees in Sierra Leone rejoice at ex-warlord's sentencing

Amputees still struggling to lead normal lives years after being mutilated by rebels in Sierra Leone hailed the decision at The Hague on Wednesday to sentence the man who backed those rebels, ex-Liberian president Charles Taylor, to 50 years in prison.

In a landmark ruling by the Special Court on Sierra Leone last month, Taylor became the first former head of state since the aftermath of World War II to be convicted. The 64-year-old Taylor was found guilty on 11 counts of aiding and abetting the Revolutionary United Front rebels in Sierra Leone, who murdered and mutilated tens of thousands of people during this country's 11-year brutal civil war which ended in 2002.

People maimed in the war gathered in the Sierra Leonean capital Wednesday to watch the proceedings of the Taylor trial via a live feed from The Hague, and rejoiced when judges in The Netherlands announced the 50-year sentence.

"That makes me the happiest person on Earth," said Alimami Kanu, whose right hand was hacked off by the RUF when he was 11 years old.

Siah Lebby, whose left leg was butchered by the rebels, said the tough sentence sends a strong signal. "After they have seen, they have seen what happened, all the people who want to do bad things again will be afraid."

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Justice

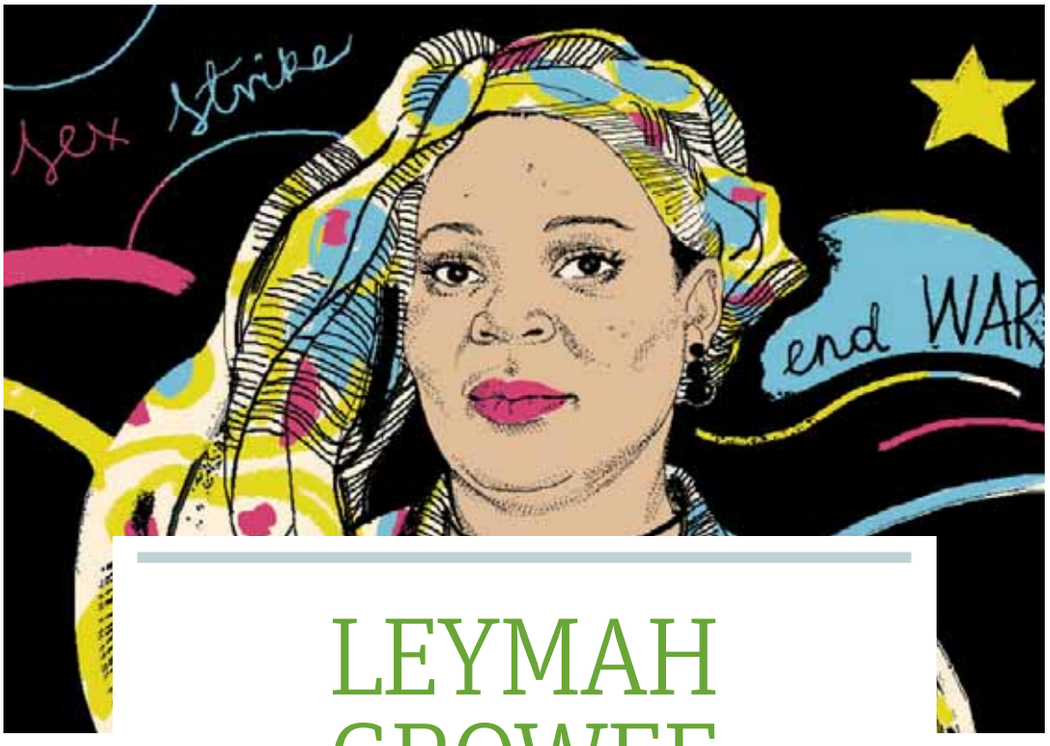
Liberians observe judgment

Taylor is an ex-warlord whose rebel forces invaded Liberia in 1989, marking the start of that country's vicious civil war. He eventually ran and was elected president, before being forced out by another rebel group. In Liberia, which shares a border with Sierra Leone, the irony has always been that Taylor is being tried for crimes he aided and abetted, rather than the ones that he is accused of directly carrying out in his own country.

In the Liberian capital of Monrovia, Suzanah Vaye watched the proceedings and hailed the sentence. Her husband was killed during the last days of Taylor's government in 2003. He was last seen in the hands of the ex-president's security force.

"Today, I join Sierra Leoneans in saying this should be a lesson to people that God has his own way of bringing judgment," Vaye said.

Former Liberian president Charles Taylor waits for the start of his sentencing in the courtroom of the Special Court for Sierra Leone in Leidschendam, Netherlands, on Wednesday. TOUSSAINT KLUITERS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



LEYMAH GBOWEE

Who said sex and politics don't mix? Led by Leymah Gbowee, a young mother, Liberian women went on a sex strike to end the country's brutal civil war. They were successful. Last year Gbowee won a Nobel Peace Prize for her campaign.

USING SEX AS A WEAPON

Leyma Gbowee calls herself an ordinary Liberian mother of six. But without her mass women's movement, Liberia's civil war would still be raging. Gbowee's "peace warriors" have given African women a higher profile, too — and Liberia's president is now a woman. But with the exception of former president Charles Taylor, Liberia's warlords remain free.

Charles Taylor is the first-ever head of state to be convicted by the International Criminal Court. Do you feel vindicated?
When someone has been terrorizing communities, and your community has been violated, of course you're relieved he has been convicted. It doesn't matter that Taylor has been convicted for war crimes he committed in Sierra Leone, not Liberia. We've waited for a long time, so we're happy. There's a sense that justice has finally been served, and that Taylor will pay for his crime.

Are sex strikes an effective strategy to end wars?
They're effective in the sense that they get people's attention. Sex is an exotic thing, and many people would say it's a taboo subject. But when someone dares to bring it to the attention of the public, it has two results. People start saying, "Who's this person doing this?" and they start asking why the person is using sex to highlight an issue. And it gets men thinking. There are a lot of good men out there! The percentage of men who wage war is very small. Good men outnumber evil men, but why are they silent? Our strategy helps the good men because it gives them a reason to take action.

So it's not the sex strike per se, but the support it gives good men, that makes it an effective strategy?
Yes. Every man is interested in the act of sex. We withheld sex from our spouses to get attention, and our husbands obviously noticed. We said, "We need you to take a stand." And they did.

How many other alleged Liberian war criminals are there who should also face justice?
That's the biggest debate in Liberia right now. Since Taylor's conviction there has been a lot of discussion about the role former warlords still play in Liberia. In the case of Prince Johnson, people are saying that he, too, should be brought to justice. We need to start the conversation about people's role in the Liberian civil war and what should be done with them.

Prince Johnson has since become a member of parliament in Liberia.
The difference in African politics versus politics in the West is that people tend to rally around their identity. Liberia is no exception. Some people, including myself, don't want a person who committed some of the worst atrocities in our civil war as a member of parliament, but if you ask the people of his tribe, they see him as a hero.

Madeleine Albright likes to say that the world wouldn't be a better place if women were in charge — it would be like high school all over again. Do you agree?
It would be a much better place than it is now. Are all men bad? No. But I think when it comes to world politics, women bring something uniquely different to the table. Men often have values and principles, but politics tends to override them. Politics isn't a popularity contest; it's about achieving lasting changes. That's what women are good at.

The Nobel Peace Prize can be a blessing — as in the case of Mother Theresa — or a curse. Which has it been for you?
For me it's a gift from God. I come from a very humble background, and I'd never have thought that something like this could come my way. I can never refer to any gift from God as a curse.

ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Leymah Gbowee

- **Age.** 40
- **Family.** Six children
- **Background.** Trauma counsellor; counselled warlord Charles Taylor's former child soldiers. Founded women's movement that helped end Liberia's civil war through protests and sex strikes.
- **In the news.** Founder and director of Women Peace and Security Network Africa. Won the Nobel Peace Prize last year. President Charles Taylor, whom Gbowee helped defeat, has just been convicted for war crimes by the Special Court for Sierra Leone in The Hague.

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Mexico wants to expand temporary workers in Canada

Mexico wants to increase its foreign workforce in Canada, despite the Conservative government's new employment-insurance rules that aim to fill vacant jobs with unemployed Canadians instead.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa pressed for the expansion of the temporary-workers program to sectors other than agriculture during a visit Wednesday to Ottawa.

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Retail

FGL Sports plans five-year expansion

Canadian Tire-owned FGL Sports plans an "aggressive" expansion of its most popular banners over the next five years while closing more than 100 underperforming stores operating under various names.

The closures affect 115 corporate stores under such banners as Sport Mart, Athletes World and Nevada Bob's Golf.

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Market Minute

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Three people on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange display their BlackBerry smartphones on Wednesday. Research In Motion Ltd., the maker of the BlackBerry, is in a freefall. The company, once the crown jewel of the Canadian technology industry, is now worth one per cent of Apple's market capitalization. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIM shares in steep decline

Research In Motion. Analysts take gloomy view of BlackBerry maker following forecast of loss, layoffs

A fresh batch of takeover speculation greeted BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion on Wednesday as analysts weighed in on the company's projected operating loss in the current quarter and its prospects for survival.

Shares of the Waterloo, Ont.-based company tumbled another 6.5 per cent, inching toward becoming a single-digit stock, after a statement from RIM late Tuesday said it hired two outside firms to advise on its troubled business and financial performance.

RIM was down 82 cents to close at $10.66 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Chief executive Thorsten Heins said competition is affecting sales of RIM smartphones, and that it would respond by reining in costs and cutting staff by unspecified numbers throughout the rest of the year.

But analysts are concerned about the speed at which RIM is reeling in expectations ahead of the rollout of the new BlackBerry 10 operating system later this year.

"I think it would be premature to write the company off, although I do believe Blackberry 10 has to be a very competitive product for the company to bounce," said Charlie Wolf, an analyst at Needham & Company in New York.

Quoted

"While buying this stock is like going to the casino, RIM does have over $4 per share of cash and intellectual property with a book value of about $6 per share. If you're feeling lucky, this stock might be worth a dice roll under $10 per share."

National Bank analyst Kris Thompson in a note titled RIM Blows Up in Q1, Recovery Unlikely, saying he considers the company up for sale.

Some analysts have also factored in RIM's dated inventory and restrained sales outlook, and responded by pulling back expectations.

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Canadian economy has 'oilsands fever': Report

Dutch Disease. Two studies take differing views on resource exports and long-term economic growth

On the eve of NDP Leader Tom Mulcair's visit to Alberta's oilsands, a new report backs his claim that Canada's economy suffers from a form of Dutch Disease.

A study released Wednesday by the Pembina Institute says Canada has come down with a unique strain of the phenomenon, dubbed "oilsands fever," that is producing near-term economic benefits that are often overstated.

The report says these benefits are spread unevenly across the country and could be hiding economic turmoil down the road. But another report by a different group says Canada's oil-and-gas industry is spreading the wealth by using the money earned from booming exports to buy goods and services from the rest of the country.

The two reports were released simultaneously as Mulcair prepares to embark on his first tour of the oilsands.

The NDP chief has been lambasted by western premiers and the federal Conservatives for suggesting oil exports raise the value of the dollar, which in turn hurts the economy in other parts of the country.

The phenomenon is dubbed the "Dutch Disease" in reference to the manufacturing decline that occurred in the Netherlands after a boom in natural gas exports in the 1970s.

"The result appears to be a uniquely Canadian strain of the Dutch Disease that could be called 'oilsands fever' — a strain that is beginning to create clear winners and losers in Canada's economy and could pose a significant risk to Canada's competitiveness in the emerging, clean energy economy," the report says.

A separate report also released Wednesday by the Macdonald-Laurier Institute found all provinces will enjoy benefits from oil- and gas-rich western provinces that far outweigh any ill effects from a higher Canadian dollar. "While the so-called 'Dutch Disease' mechanism may operate, in practice it is partially (perhaps more than fully) offset by the gains to the overall Canadian economy documented by these studies," the report says.

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Western tour

Before departing on his western tour, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, pictured, insisted he's not against development, he's only advocating sustainable development.

- And he stressed that applies not just to the oilsands but to natural-resource projects all across the country.

Strike in Spain over cuts

A child sits amid trash and paper put there by cleaners during the second day of a strike by the cleaning staff against budget cuts at Barcelona's airport on Wednesday. Spain's conservative government has introduced harsh austerity measures, including spending cuts on health and education, in an attempt to control the level of its debt relative to the size of its economy and bring it within European guidelines.

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To enemies, "Skeptic" translates to closed-minded jerk who wouldn't recognize his spirit guide if it bit him on his chakra.

But we just want evidence. If you claim that God will help me find my apartment keys, or that my aura is the colour of Doritos, then I want questions answered. First and foremost: Do you bang your head often getting into cars?

Sorry. Captain Incredulous takes that back. I'm a poor spokesperson for the Skeptic Squad, as I have the same sense of restraint and tact as a U.S. presidential campaign.

This is my life, my curse. I must confront believers who say, "I feel sorry for you" and work with friends unaware of my secret identity as they compare star signs. The only "knocking on wood" I do is the repeated head-to-desk motion. It's the only way I keep from getting angry. Don't make me angry. You wouldn't like me angry.

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Captain Incredulous No. 7: Magnet Man!

Our hero suffers his first defeat when he meets Magnet Man, bearer of the Magnetic Bracelet. Hearing Magnet Man discuss the bracelet's powers with a bartender, Captain Incredulous forgets his logical weapons and instead blurts out, "Why don't you wear bunny ears?! It would have the same effect!" Captain Incredulous, met with stares and silence, slinks back to his corner of the Beer Cave.

Captain Incredulous No. 21: The Mayor!

The good captain is listening to radio transmissions when he hears his political leader, Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, say, "I like astrology, folks. I follow the stars." Fighting off the overpowering urge to curl up into a ball and die, Captain Incredulous remembers the earlier lesson not to let his emotions defeat him. He decides it's nice that the mayor and many of the lefties who hate him have common ground to work from. I may host a summit.

But until then, what adventures await?

All I know for sure is that the skeptic's life is a difficult one, fraught with awkward family barbecues. It's thankless, but we have an unrelenting belief in mankind: That it will get sillier by the day. No doubt about it.

This jelly's par for the course

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Rooftop-patio golf

Just don't snack after putting

The roof of Selfridge's department store in London has become a jelly-themed golf course thanks to food architects Bompas & Parr. Ahead of the Queen's Jubilee, the nine-hole course features iconic British landmarks including Tower Bridge and Big Ben, all with an edible frosting. METRO

Urban oasis

"Adults find it hard to justify going to a theme park. We want to help people find pleasure in the city."

Sam Bompas, food architect

Selfridge's has a long history of hedonism. In the 1930s the roof featured a golf course, pleasure garden and café. More recently, Bompas & Parr created a green boating lake there last year.

Bompas & Parr

- **Gasp!** One of the duo's first projects was a breathable cocktail made by vaporizing 600 litres of gin and tonic.
- **Rowing on punch:** In 2009, they flooded an 18th-century townhouse with 2,500 litres of Courvoisier punch and had their guests row across.
- **Chocolate climb:** The last creation was a series of climbing walls made out of chocolate.

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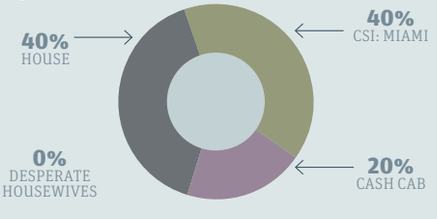

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@AnOfficialGlee: Lea Michele has been spotted in Vancouver. Cory Monteith is still there. Let the Monchele riots begin!

@caitygleek: LEA'S IN VANCOUVER. awwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww going seeing her boyfriend how lovely is that, monchele is just perfect.

@aharrisindie: Downtown #Vancouver right now. Eating lunch between meetings and listening to a musician busking! Jim Mayer - great sounds!

@Twins_Plus_One: Having sushi down town #Vancouver Love it.... Will miss my sushi place when I'm done school

@HedyFry: Just asked Gvt in QP to reverse decision on Kit's coast guard closure b4 some1 dies. #vancouver #cdnpoli

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The Merry Wives of Windsor hits the studio stage at Bard on the Beach from June 28 to Sept. 21. HANDOUT

Life's a beach and then you buy (tickets to Bard)

Shakespeare festival. Head out to Vanier Park for the summer schedule kickoff

BACKSTAGE PASS
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It's safe to say Shakespeare never uttered the expression "Life's a beach," but he might have appreciated the pun.

And there's good news for those who appreciate all three — Bard on the Beach kicks off its summer slate tonight at Vanier Park.

It's the surest summer trifecta: chilling at the beach on a sunny afternoon, quaffing a frosty beverage on a neighbourhood patio, and enjoying Shakespearean shenanigans on the seashore.

What can be better than that?

This is the 23rd season for Vancouver's signature summer festival, and this season begins with two productions on its mainstage: The Taming of the Shrew (May 31 to Sept. 22), directed by Meg Roe; and MacBeth (June 13 to Sept. 20), the classic tale of betrayal and murder, directed by Miles Potter.

Then, on the studio stage, The Merry Wives of Windsor (June 28 to Sept. 21), directed by Johnna Wright. This comedic reimagining is set in Windsor, Ont., in 1968, where English ex-pat Sir John Falstaff tries to find a romantic solution for his money troubles.

King John, directed by Dean Paul Gibson, starts July 11 and runs until Sept. 19 on the studio stage. This high-stakes, winner-takes-kingdom game of thrones features an usurping king, his innocent young nephew, a heroic "bastard" and a passionate mother.

Sounds like the family next door, really.

There are several special events scheduled, as well: the Bard Explored Lecture Series takes place June 23, July 14, Aug. 11 and 25; Bard-B-Q & Fireworks, a play with a side of salmon and fireworks, sizzles July 28, Aug. 1 and 4.

Celebrating Red & White, a wine tasting following the matinee performances and before the evening shows on Aug. 18; and Nuit d'amour: French Opera Highlights (Opera & Arias), with UBC Opera Ensemble & members of Vancouver Opera Orchestra, hosted by Bard artistic director, Chistopher Gaze, hits the high notes Aug. 27 and Sept. 3. Visit bardonthebeach.org for more information.

If you go...

There are several famous examples of literary works that came to fruition in a relatively short time.

- **Performances.** Run Tuesdays through Sundays.
- **Ticket prices.** Include HST: $40 (evenings) and $21 to $33 (previews & matinees) with a $30 youth rate (6-25 years) for evening performances.

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Scene in brief

No Talackova show for Shaw

Shaw Media is stepping back from comments suggesting it plans to air a reality show about transgender beauty queen Jenna Talackova. Programming boss Barbara Williams said Wednesday morning the broadcaster had picked up a reality show about the leggy Vancouver blond. But later in the afternoon, a Shaw spokeswoman said Williams "misinterpreted" a reporter's question and that such a show "is not part of Lifetime's channel lineup and has not been commissioned by the network."

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Men in Black 3 is in the black with $69.3M debut weekend; Avengers adds $47.2M

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Could Prometheus be true?

Deep space mystery. Former head of SETI says we may discover alien life in the next two years

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

This summer, Earth is under attack. From action films like Prometheus and The Avengers, to comedies like Men In Black 3, aliens are appearing at the multiplex and threatening the fate of humanity.

But, not so fast, says the former director of the Center for SETI Research, Jill Tarter. The American astronomer believes that these films are just — duh — entertainment.

If extraterrestrial beings were to come to our world, they'd be so technologically advanced that they wouldn't need puny human slaves or our meager food. Plus, there's a giant possibility they wouldn't look like anything we've seen before — or could even think of.

"Whether our imagination is up to the task of really appreciating what nature might do somewhere else remains to be seen," Tarter told Metro World News. "Look at the body plan that evolved. Nature experimented and discarded some and modified other things. There are so many weird things on this planet that we are beginning to appreciate. I think that it might be weirder still from some other environment."

Prometheus, directed by Ridley Scott, hits theatres on June 8. HANDOUT

Most of Tarter's career with the non-profit SETI Institute — which stands for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence — has been dedicated to examining the universe for other beings.

Tarter, who recently retired, will be discussing her ideas about the possibility of aliens alongside real astronauts and Hollywood sci-fi actors at the upcoming SETIcon on June 22-24 in Silicon Valley, Calif.

Tarter believes that humans will discover extra terrestrial life in the next two years. It's a valid question to ponder, especially because for thousands of years, humanity had to rely on priests and philosophers to tell them the "truth" about the universe. Now thanks to astronomy tools like the Kepler space observatory, we have discovered more than 2,000 extrasolar planet candidates to date. Many of them are similar to our home planet.

"We can almost taste the idea that Earth 2.0 is going to turn up in the near future," she said.

Recently, Tarter has been searching for signs of technology in the universe, using it as a proxy for intelligence. While she and her colleagues haven't found any spaceships or ray guns, Tarter doesn't believe that means we're all alone out there.

The data that shows that there isn't any life is also consistent with the possibility that there is abundant life out there.

"We haven't been searching for very long," she admitted.

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Blake doesn't need anybody's 'approval'

Blake Lively is getting ready to say goodbye to Gossip Girl, the show that made her a star.

"I think the best way to describe it is like someone who really enjoyed high school, and it's like I'm a senior and I can't wait for the next thing," she tells Bullett magazine. "As an actor who plays a caricature of myself on the show, I don't think I'd say, 'Watch Gossip Girl for my best quality of work.' But I am very lucky to have had that experience."

But shouldn't Lively be worried about how her co-workers might take her remarks, especially with work starting on the show's final season this summer?

"I'm not in the business of trying to win the approval of my cast members, my director or my audience," she insists.

Former co-star accuses Fox of beating women

Matthew Fox

There seems to be no love lost between former Lost co-stars Dominic Monaghan and Matthew Fox. When asked by a fan about Fox, who was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this month and was sued for assaulting a bus driver last year, Monaghan bluntly responded, "He beats women. Not isolated incidents. Often."

When another fan pointed out that Monaghan was making quite a strong accusation, he responded, "An accusation is when you 'claim' someone did something wrong. I know."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Moves like Adam Levine

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Adam Levine is a curious creature. Since Maroon 5 started seeping its comfortable radio rock through the airwaves 10 years ago, the seemingly unremarkable frontman and Voice judge has dated his way through intellectual A-listers (Natalie Portman), fluffy pop princesses (Jessica Simpson, circa a very respectable 2006) and Victoria's Secret bombshells (Anne Vyalitsyna).

Is he cute and talented in a non-threatening way? Sure. But we have a feeling his sparkling dating resumé is a result of professional-grade smooth talking, which he whipped out in a new interview with Details magazine.

"There's two kinds of men: There are men who are f—g misogynist pigs, and then there are men who just really love women, who think they're the most amazing people in the world. And that's me," Levine tells the magazine.

But he's a rock star, so he's not perfect, of course. As for sleeping around, he muses, "Maybe the reason I was promiscuous, and wanted to sleep with a lot of them, is that I love them so much."

Laugh all you want, but when was the last time you turned off the bubblegum noise that is Moves Like Jagger? Adam Levine is in our heads, ladies.

Prince Harry. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Prince Harry has a job opening

When Prince William sat down with Katie Couric for an interview, he said what recently married Royals in line for the throne are supposed to say: "I'm just very keen to have a family, and both Catherine and I are looking forward to having a family in the future."

But more surprising is what younger brother Harry shared.

"I've longed for kids since I was very, very young," said the prince with a reputation for looking hungover on the polo field. "And so I'm just waiting to find the right person, someone who's willing to take on the job."

Harry, we'd like to introduce you to America, where hot girls are willing to let Donald Trump touch them.

Twitter

@ladygaga
There's a bird outside my hotel room that sounds like a boiling teapot! I'm so confused! Keep thinking my Tea is ready then am disappointed!

@BobNewhart
Peter Sellers was probably the best film comedian ever. He was a complicated man haunted by powerful demons but an absolute comic genius.

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Fashion Flash

Oh C-Ann-ada!

Ann Taylor is heading north of the border as the retail chain opens its first international locations outside the U.S. The New-York-based retailer announced on Thursday it will open two locations in Toronto this fall. With 274 stores across the U.S., the company says its expansion into Canada marks the first step in growing the brand's global presence. "We are pleased by the strong awareness Ann Taylor already enjoys in Canada and look forward to offering our Canadian customers great fashion, quality and value in a new, exciting and aspirational shopping environment," brand president Brian Lynch said in a release. Michelle Obama, Angelina Jolie and Canada's Rachel McAdams are among the famous faces who have been seen sporting items from the brand.

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On the Web

Designers in 1st Soweto Fashion Week inspired by South African township's creativity, history

Iris van Herpen: The queen of sculpture

The future of fashion. Metro chats with up-and-coming style star Iris van Herpen about designing, fame and going Gaga

FEDERICO GEREMEI
Metro World News in Italy

She's shy, she doesn't say much, but she does know what she's doing. We meet Iris van Herpen — a 27-year-old Dutch fashion designer — at the IED (Istituto Europeo di Design) in Rome.

Thanks to her organic and visionary creations, she's quickly risen to fame amongst international talents. Iris' hand-made 3D "sculpture-like" dresses can be found in top museums all over the world.

Not bad for a girl who once had a dream of becoming a ballet dancer.

You're labeled "the architect of fashion", who's your inspiration?

I've never heard anyone refer to me using that expression. Indeed, architecture is a source of inspiration for me, but I am first of all a fashion designer. I work a lot with Isaie Bloch (a Belgian architect who focuses on 3D printing), there's a great synergy between us.

What does fashion represent for you?

Fashion expresses my own identity. It's a mix of my tastes, mood and cultural background.

You've worked with Viktor & Rolf and Alexander McQueen, your icon. Any lessons learned?

I learned to be patient when working, I also learned a lot from his staff, having worked with them on a daily basis.

Floating down the runway

"I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show."
Iris van Herpen
Fashion designer

Designer Iris van Herpen, left, and a model walk the catwalk at the Iris van Herpen Show during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Berlin Spring/Summer 2012 GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

You've come up with creations for Lady Gaga's and Bjork's performances. What do you think about them?

They're not just singers, they're total artists — two amazing performers. Yet, they are so different.

What do you like about Lady Gaga?

I love that she's completely unpredictable.

And Bjork?

It's hard to express in words but Bjork's music and her way of communicating touches me deep inside.

What do they love about your work?

When I work on a new creation, I focus on finding and conceiving a specific personal identity, something that belongs to the person who is going to wear it. We all have our own individual personality, nothing is fixed nor immutable. Performers such as Lady Gaga and Bjork also rely on dresses – such as the designs that I produce – in order to express all aspects of their personality to the audience."

You are only 27, but you're already incredibly successful. How do you cope with all this at your age?

Everything goes so fast and I am trying to live it all day by day.

Have you always had a clear mind-set, in terms of your goals and ambitions for the future?

No, when I was a kid I wanted to be a ballet dancer. Dance inspired me for a while but at some time – I can't recall when it happened – fashion became my greatest passion.

Any projects in the pipeline?

I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show.

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Lady Gaga in Iris Van Herpen.
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The Kit

Canadian street style

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Spotted in: Toronto

James Keays-Huyler
Account Executive
Age: 28

What he's wearing:
Joe Fresh denim shirt, H&M grey cardigan, Marc by Marc Jacobs leather satchel, H&M burgundy chinos, Aldo high-top sneakers, Nixon flamingo pink watch, Joe Fresh sunglasses, Toronto Blue Jays fitted hat.

His inspiration:
"I like to be comfortable yet on trend, hence the pop of colour in the pant and mixing of different textiles like denim and leather. A lot of my favourites are from Joe Fresh; I wear a lot of their pieces."

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How to soothe your sensitive skin

Managing your mug. Take care of your skin this summer with these handy tips from an expert

"In my practice one of the most common problems I see in patients is sensitive skin," says Toronto dermatologist Dr. Rajan. Here are Rajan's top tips for caring for sensitive skin.

Do a patch test first
If your skin is extremely sensitive, you should always patch test a new product on a small, inconspicuous area before using it on larger areas. You don't want to risk having a reaction all over your face, so test the new product and wait at least 24 to 48 hours to ensure you don't react.

New products
Introduce new products into your skin-care regime one at a time so you can check for any adverse reactions. If you try more than one new product at a time and have a reaction you won't be able to know which one it was and could risk eliminating a product from your regime that is actually gentle for your skin.

Dirty digits

"Even when your hands are clean they can transfer dirt, oils, and other potentially harsh irritants to your face."
Dr. Rajan
Toronto dermatologist

Hands off
Even when your hands are clean they can transfer dirt, oils, and other potentially harsh irritants to your face — so try to cut down on the amount of times you touch your face.

If your face itches or you need to wipe it, try using a clean tissue or cleansing wipe. Some wipes, like those in the Simple brand line, are specifically formulated for sensitive skin with no harsh ingredients.

So if you need to touch your face you can do it knowing no dirt or oils will be transferred that could irritate your skin.

Chill out
"It is something people often forget," says Rajan "but your skin reacts to what is going on in your life."

If you are stressed about something you are more likely to have a flare-up, so take a break and relax — your skin will thank you.

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Bare your belly

Time to start on those crunches — and not just for the beach. The spring runways were full of exposed midriffs. Here's how to pull them off.

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News

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She has a great sense of style. I say, conservative chic!

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@Jeanne_Beker: And what about the Queen's hats? Love the consistent style statement. Would YOU wear a hat?

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Hats are cool @Jeanne_Beker but I looove fascinators!

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YES! Would love a reason to!

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been obsessed with the Royals forever – even wore a fascinator to my bro's wedding – designed by David Dunkley (KC Hats) in T.O.

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A match made in style heaven

I do! Richard Nicoll and Topshop enter virgin territory with their debut bridal collection

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

Looking to be simply stylish on your wedding day? TOPSHOP

Here comes the high-street bride as designer Richard Nicoll lifts the veil on his Topshop collection.

"I wanted to offer a younger, cooler alternative to meringue culture," says Nicoll of his first foray into bridal wear.

The feminine collection, available on June 22, consists of seven pieces from short slips to full-length, blush pink-styles in lace and silk.

The question is: How many brides really want to go down the aisle in a piece of modestly priced ($190 to $700) high street clothing? There's the rub.

However, we are nevertheless in a recession and the London-born designer's "Blushing Brides" breezy, capsule collection could easily work for bridesmaids or as cocktail dresses.

Cute, yes, but the collaboration doesn't mark a change in career track for Nicoll, who's been dubbed King of the Blouse thanks to his reworking of classic shirting with touches such as peplums, stripes or dots.

The designer candidly told Vogue.co.uk: "Of course I'm happy to make them on request but I'm not the new Vera Wang, no!"

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"I wanted to offer a younger, cooler alternative to meringue culture."
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Nine-foot ceilings give homes in the River Walk development a bright, airy feel. Buyers can also choose from two colour schemes — light and dark. CONTRIBUTED

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Take a walk down by the river

Fraser River. River Walk's West Coast modern architecture gives townhomes a distinctive look

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

You might think all residential waterfront in Vancouver would have been developed long ago, but the newly rezoned River District offers homebuyers a new opportunity on the north banks of the Fraser River.

The neighbourhood was home to the Canadian White Pine Mill, a staple of the Vancouver economy from 1926 to 2003, but thanks to land developer ParkLane Homes and a collaboration of local home developers, including Polygon Homes, the area has turned to residential from industrial, and is being developed into an eclectic waterfront community to house 15,000 residents.

The first townhome development at River District, River Walk's West Coast modern architecture gives the townhomes a distinctive Vancouver look with elements of solid brick, natural wood, steel and distinctive "sawtooth" rooflines.

They are also built to Built-Green Gold standards, and include Energy Star appliances and high-efficiency forced air heating and hot water. River Walk also has a car share program for residents.

Inside, the homes' nine-foot ceilings give the main floor a bright, airy feel. Buyers can choose from two colour schemes — light and dark — and other finishings are high quality, including stainless steel appliances by Fisher & Paykel and Bosch, and quartz countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms.

A view of River Walk's modern architecture. CONTRIBUTED

But the best part about these homes is their location. They are just one block from the Fraser River and one block from the community pier and plaza, which is currently home to the River District Centre, a playground and Romer's Burger Bar, the area's first restaurant.

The area also has lots of bike paths and greenways centring around River Walk's community park, in the middle of the development.

And they don't call the River District master-planned for nothing. The larger community will have many more amenities as it builds up, including 25 acres of green space, with parks and playing fields, 1.5 kilometres of riverfront pathways, two schools and four daycare centres.

"We couldn't ask for a more complete package," Ralph Archibald, senior vice-president of sales and marketing at Polygon Homes, said of the River District's location and its current and upcoming amenities.

Residents can shop at nearby Champlain Heights, but the River District commercial area, including a grocery store, is under development.

When residents do need to leave, they can take a nearby bus direct to Marine Gateway station on the Canada Line SkyTrain. River Walk is also a five-minute drive to Metrotown or Richmond, and a 30-minute drive to downtown Vancouver.

Meet the townhouses

- **Location:** 3179 E. Kent Ave. N. At the south end of Kerr St. in Vancouver, along the Fraser River.
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- **Price range:** From $638,000 to high $800,000s.
- **Number of units:** 77, some ready for immediate occupancy. Completion in fall 2012.
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STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

Do world-class architecture, shopping and education come to mind when you think of Surrey? If they don't now, they will soon, according to Will Lin, president of Rize Alliance Properties, whose Wave twin condo towers in Surrey will start selling this June.

Surrey is undergoing a metamorphosis, said Lin, calling the city "the most up-and-coming area in greater Vancouver."

Residents and homebuyers are looking for mobility, so infrastructure and residential building projects close to rapid transit lines are going to prosper, Lin said. He is seeing communities developing around Surrey's SkyTrain hubs.

Surrey Central Station, the hub two blocks away from Wave, is no exception. The city of Surrey has already committed more than $500 million to the Civic Centre Development Project, a plan to build public infrastructure in downtown Surrey within walking distance from Wave.

A new city hall and city plaza are already under construction a couple blocks from Wave. Central City mall nearby hosts Simon Fraser University Surrey — another architectural marvel — as well as diverse supermarkets, shops and office buildings.

The city's newly completed library is an eye-popping creation by Bing Thom Architects. It's a preview of the cutting-edge city Surrey is becoming, said Lin.

And all this without leaving the neighbourhood.

"It's a place you can live, play and work in without having to jump in the car," said Lin.

It takes about 35 minutes to get to downtown Vancouver by SkyTrain from Surrey Central Station — faster than driving. "(SkyTrain stations are) a big consideration for buyers nowadays," Lin explained. "Public transit has become a necessity."

Billed by Rize as Canada's best-priced highrise condos, Wave suites start at $179,900 for a one-bedroom.

"That doesn't just get you a box. That gets you a one-bedroom and den," he said. "These are pricings that we haven't seen or heard of in the last decade in Greater Vancouver."

He expects many first-time buyers and young families, as well as some investors. Whether you decide to live at Wave, it's a great investment, he said.

The apartments were designed to maximize space. The suites' mobile walls are a unique feature that residents can use to create different spaces.

The building also comes equipped with lots of amenities, including a gym, a pet wash and grooming room, a theatre, a workshop, meeting and party rooms, rooftop outdoor patio lounges with barbecue areas and community gardens.

Wave's architectural design, with its wavy exterior, will set it apart as well, said Lin. The suites' large balconies even come in curved shapes.

Meet the condos

- **Location:** Two condo towers at 10375 133rd St. (at 104 Ave.) in Surrey, near the Central City SkyTrain Station.
- **Square footage:** One-bedroom to two-bedroom and den, ranging from 522 square feet to more than 1,000 square feet.
- **Price range:** From $179,900 for a one-bedroom and from $199,900 for a two-bedroom.
- **Special features:** Movable walls.
- **Sales:** Starting this June.
- **Move-in ready:** Winter 2015.
- **Website:** waveliving.ca.

Wave's architectural design, with its wavy exterior, will set it apart from other condos. CONTRIBUTED

Bits & Bites. Personally renovated homes open to the public

PETER SIMPSON
For Metro

Come on, admit it, you have strolled down your street and sneaked a peek through the window of a neighbour's recent home renovation (from the sidewalk, or course). Well, here is a chance to walk across the thresholds of eight strangers' homes to view some jaw-dropping home makeovers.

The Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association and presenting sponsor FortisBC invite you to visit eight professionally renovated homes in Burnaby, North Vancouver, Surrey and Vancouver on June 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Renovations on display include the revitalization of a 1950s bungalow, restoration of a 1920s Vancouver heritage home, eco-chic kitchen, bathroom makeover, conversion of a Westside basement suite, an extensive interior/exterior renovation, and a contemporary whole-house transformation.

The award-winning renovators and their teams — perhaps even the proud homeowners — will be on site to discuss their craftsmanship. Project values range from $135,000 to more than $800,000, offering parade participants an abundance of ideas they can incorporate in their own homes.

Admission is by passport, available at $10 per person (children 17 and younger are free). Passports can be purchased at any home, then used for entry to the remaining seven homes.

Partial proceeds from passport sales will help to fund the purchase of tools, building materials and safety gear for a carpentry training program at Guildford Park and Frank Hurt secondary schools.

Visit gvhba.org to review the homes, including project descriptions, locations and photos.

Committed educator

I participated in the recent Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) annual general meeting and conference, attended by mayors and councillors from Metro Vancouver and surrounding municipalities.

The annual meetings provide a venue to network and explore issues and initiatives relevant to the delegates' communities. Resolutions covering a wide range of topics are also voted on and, if approved, are forwarded to the Union of B.C. Municipalities for its consideration and action.

The LMLGA outgoing president is Lorrie Williams. Now in her fourth term (10 years) as a New Westminster councillor, Williams wears another important hat, that of a committed educator.

In 1982, Williams and fellow teacher Maureen Polard travelled to Africa as volunteers. Today, Williams helps to run an educational society she founded in 1985 — the Canadian Harambee Education Society, which currently sponsors more than 750 female students in Kenya and Tanzania.

Visit canadianharambee.ca for details. Harambee, by the way, is Swahili for "pull together."

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Paint is a quick pick-me-up

Think outside of the box. Consider painting everything from the floor boards to the ceiling

Like any home décor trend, painting trends come and go. From sponge and stencilling to accent walls and painted chalkboards, new innovations have paved the way for exciting developments.

If you are looking to give your home a quick pick-me-up, nothing is faster, easier and less expensive than a fresh coat of paint. According to The Home Depot Canada, here are some popular painting projects.

Paint the unexpected

Traditionally, colour has been reserved for the walls only. Consider introducing paint to everything from worn wood furniture and floor boards to the ceiling. Whether you apply a muted tone, bright hue or a dynamic check pattern, you will be amazed at the results.

Paint and go

Paint technology has come a long way in saving time. Whether one room or the whole house is on the spring checklist, make any paint project easier with a premium paint and primer all in one.

Colour match it

Sometimes inspiration is found from that perfect colour in a piece of art or a throw pillow. Now you can bring in a home accessory or fabric swatch to The Home Depot and an associate will replicate the colour in a can of paint.

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PH1845 Bellevue Ave. — West Vancouver (Ambleside)
Listed: $1,138,000
Sold: $1,085,000
Type: Condominium
At 1,061 square feet, this renovated unit has staggering views of Burrard Inlet and the Lions Gate Bridge. Two bedrooms and two bathrooms are featured with a modern kitchen, ensuite laundry and hardwood flooring. A 550-square-foot balcony is perfect for entertaining friends and family and allows room for a barbecue and lounge area. Two parking stalls add to the bonuses in this home. Listing agent Kamer Karakas of Prudential Sussex Realty West Vancouver points out that this unit is in a prime location, being a short walking distance from Jon Lawson Park, a community centre and shopping.

716-518 Moberly Rd. — Vancouver (False Creek)
Listed: $699,000
Sold: $695,000
Type: Condominium
Bud Lockhart of Macdonald Realty Ltd. (Vancouver) listed and sold this 1,196-square-foot home in just one day. With two bedrooms and two bathrooms, this fully renovated unit comes with the added bonus of two parking stalls. Top quality features include exposed concrete pillars, stained oak hardwood floors, granite countertops and an oversized island, stainless steel appliances and ensuite laundry. The 145-square-foot terrace shows off a sweeping view of the North Shore Mountains, False Creek and downtown. Located mere steps from the seawall and shops of False Creek, it was no wonder this home went so fast.

3523 West 23 Ave. — Vancouver (Dunbar)
Listed: $1,558,888
Sold: $1,520,000
Type: Detached house
Built in 1928, the 2,108 square feet make up the four-bedroom, two-bathroom floor plan of this character home on a beautiful tree-lined street. The main floor features a spacious living room with gas fireplace and hardwood floors. An adjoining dining room leads to an airy renovated kitchen with eating area, granite counters, and stainless steel appliances. Off the kitchen is a large deck, which is perfect for entertaining. "Updates include a newer roof, furnace, hot water tank and electrical," says Simon Myara of Sutton Group West Coast Realty. RYAN DELUCA

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Putting down roots in downtown

ON THE MARKET

Alan Montgomery is a single 29-year-old looking for his first home.

Recently graduated from university and doing his residency at a local hospital, Montgomery is ready to put down roots and make his dream come true in downtown Vancouver.

Originally from the East Coast, he is surprised by the high prices in this city, but is determined to find a one-bedroom plus den in the bustling downtown core.

With $400,000 to spend, thanks to a partial contribution from his parents, here are three spaces Montgomery should consider.

RYAN DELUCA IS A REAL ESTATE AGENT WITH SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY CANADA.

905-1255 Seymour St. — Vancouver
$389,000
In the centre of downtown, boarding the trendy neighbourhood of Yaletown, this one-bedroom and den in the popular Elan development by Cressy is a great match. At 506 square feet, it is quite spacious by Vancouver standards. Judy Lakos of TRG Downtown Realty explains that because there is no wasted space in this open floor plan, it makes the unit feel large. With stainless steel appliances, stone counters and fantastic building amenities, Montgomery likes that he is close to work, cafés, shops and bars, and just a block from the seawall and parks.

2602-833 Seymour St. — Vancouver
$398,000
Just a few blocks down the street from listing No. 1, this one-bedroom and den spans 577 square feet in the newly built Capitol Residences. With a functional floor plan and north facing balcony boasting views of water and mountains, this unit is great for entertaining. Stainless steel appliances and granite countertops complete the modern style of this home. Listing agent Paul Ang of Macdonald Realty Westmar notes that Montgomery should not forget the 24-hour concierge and recreational facilities. Montgomery also likes that this unit is close to the trendy shopping on Robson Street.

309-1252 Hornby St. — Vancouver
$376,600
The lowest price of the three, this 589-square-foot, one-bedroom and flex space is also the largest. Remaining in Montgomery's preferred neighbourhood, this home comes with an ultra-modern design, including stainless steel appliances, gas stove, stone counters, and iridescent tile with a stainless steel sink in the bathroom. The large, oversized balcony has plenty of space for a barbecue and is great for entertaining all his new friends. Laura Lee of Royal LePage Westside also says this building is close to transit, shopping and the seawall.

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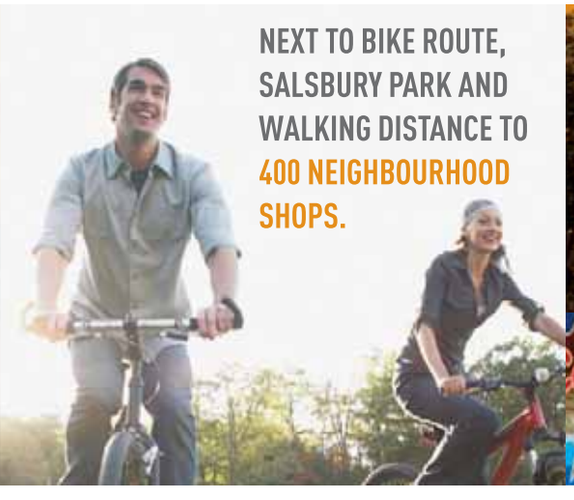

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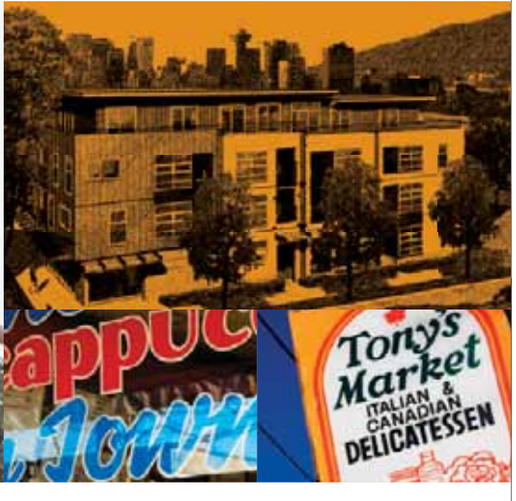

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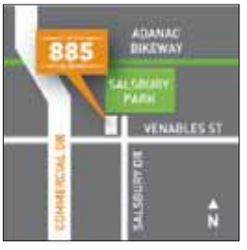

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There's more to pomegranates than health drinks and fancy cocktails

Are you over the pomegranate trend yet?

If so, you might want to revisit it once more. This time it's pomegranate molasses, a thick, syrupy concentrate that is sweet and tart and as delicious as it sounds.

If you take the unsweetened juice and boil it down until it is thick and syrupy, you have pomegranate molasses, a popular flavouring in Middle Eastern cooking. Pomegranate molasses once was unheard of outside of ethnic markets, but today can be found in the international aisle of most larger grocers.

And if you can't find it, it's easy enough to make. Buy a bottle of pomegranate juice (or juice concentrate), then boil it until it has reduced and become thick.

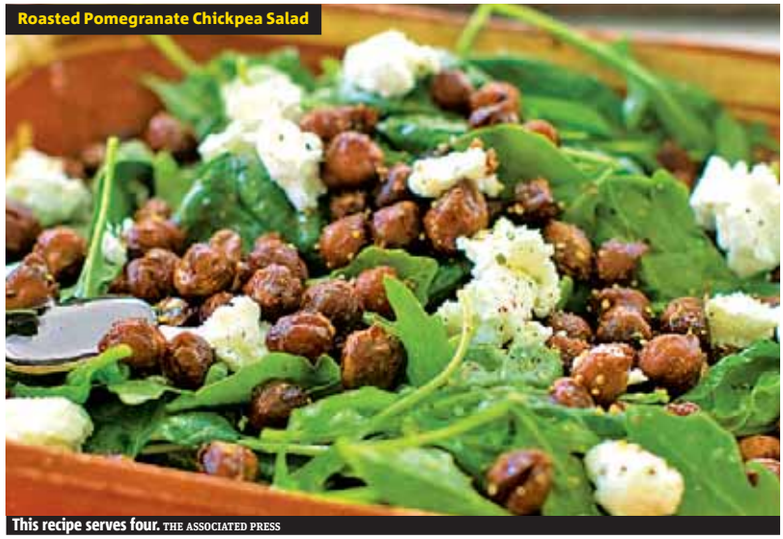
The thick, deep-red syrup has an intensely sweet-tart flavour that pairs surprisingly well with savoury dishes, especially grilled meats. Pomegranate molasses and walnuts are a classic flavouring for poultry.

Opened bottles can be refrigerated for long periods. But it's not likely to sit around for long. You don't need to love Middle Eastern food to love what pomegranate molasses can do for the foods you already love.

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp pomegranate molasses
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 15-oz cans chickpeas, drained
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- Ground black pepper
- 4 cups arugula
- 2 cups baby spinach
- Kosher salt
- 4-oz log soft goat cheese

Roasted Pomegranate Chickpea Salad



This recipe serves four. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Heat the oven to 450 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the pomegranate molasses, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add the drained chickpeas and toss to coat evenly. Arrange the chickpeas in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Roast for 15 minutes, or until the chickpeas are dried and starting to get crunchy. Remove the chickpeas from the oven and set aside to cool.

3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk together olive oil and lemon juice. Season with pepper, then add the arugula and spinach. Toss to coat.

4. Divide the greens between four serving plates, then sprinkle each with kosher salt. Divide the chickpeas between the salads, then top with crumbled goat cheese.

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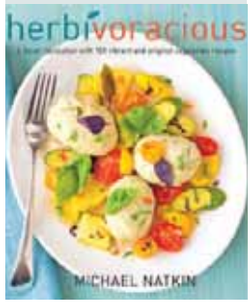
Book review

Recipes for the savvy herbivore

Michael Natkin's Herbivoracious and its 150 recipes usher in a new generation of meatless cooking. With 80 colour photos, Natkin illustrates how vegetarian food can be intensely flavoured in a way that will appeal to readers with a sophisticated and adventurous global palate.

The author provides advice on how to craft vegetarian meals that deliver nutrients and complementary flavours. Among the recipes are: Portobello and Summer Squash Lasagna, Jamaican Rice and Peas, and Chocolate Chunk Bread Pudding. METRO



Rhubarb gets decadent with dulce de leche

Dulce de leche, a thick, caramel-like spread, is popular in South American desserts. These individual ice-cream cakes incorporate dulce de leche and are topped with honey-coated roasted rhubarb and apples. For extra decadence, drizzle with additional warmed dulce de leche.

1. Line 6 muffin cups with paper liners. Spoon 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of the crumbs, then 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) of the dulce de leche into each cup. Spoon in ice cream, packing lightly; smooth tops. Spread remaining dulce de leche on top; sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Cover and freeze until firm, about two hours or for up to two days.

2. Sauce: In a shallow 2-litre (8-cup) glass baking dish, combine rhubarb, apple and honey; bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven for 25 minutes or until apples are tender. Add vanilla with a potato masher, crushing fruit. Let cool until warm or cover and refrigerate until cold.

3. To serve, divide half of the sauce among individual dishes. Remove liners from ice cream cakes and place ice cream on sauce. Spoon remaining sauce over top. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) graham wafer crumbs
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) prepared dulce de leche or caramel sauce
- 500 ml (2 cups) softened vanilla ice cream
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) chopped fresh rhubarb (cut in pieces)
- 1 apple
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) liquid honey
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) vanilla

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Do your sheets have you in a twist?

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Last month, a reader of my column asked me for advice about how to avoid getting laundry stuck within her fitted sheets in the dryer.

To be honest, I really didn't know the answer to the question, so in my column I asked the question to my readers and got back some wonderful suggestions that I would like to share with you.

1. Christine wrote what I thought at first was the most obvious answer. "Dry the sheets separately from your clothing. I don't wash and dry my clothes and bed sheets together."

This makes total sense to me and this is the method I use at home. Just for fun, this was the most popular answer!

2. Bev from Toronto wrote, "Try safety pinning the corners together and then the subsequent four sides, to make a sort of balloon shape. This still allows the sheet to dry, but avoids the annoying problem. Large safety pins will be needed, which are available in some dollar stores and most sewing notions outlets."

I love this idea as well, but still think this is too much work and would much rather option #1.

3. Patsy wrote what I think is a truly fabulous suggestion, "If you include small item clothes such as socks and briefs, put them in a mesh laundry bag."

This is such a great idea; I think I am going to put this as a footnote for our laundry class at the Charles MacPherson Academy for Butlers and Household Managers!

Finally I spoke with Bonnie Aprile who is the executive housekeeping teacher at our butler school. She said that sheets and clothing should never be washed and/or dried together as their different sizes and fabric weights dry at different rates.

Socks and underwear like to hide in your fitted sheets. ISTOCK

Thus the rule of thumb is like fabrics and like clothing size should be dried together, so that you do not over/under dry particular pieces.

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NHL

Lidstrom to announce if he'll retire or return

Nicklas Lidstrom has made a decision about his future.

The 42-year-old Lidstrom, a four-time Stanley Cup champion and seven-time Norris Trophy winner, will announce Thursday whether he's retiring or returning to play a 21st season with the Detroit Red Wings.

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Nicklas Lidstrom
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NFL

NFL decides to keep Pro Bowl

After a promise from players that the game will be more competitive, the NFL will hold the Pro Bowl in Honolulu next Jan. 27, a week before the Super Bowl.

Commissioner Roger Goodell had made it clear cancelling the all-star game was a possibility after the uninspired play of this year's 59-41 AFC victory. Following discussions between the league and the players' union, the NFL announced Wednesday that Aloha Stadium would host the Pro Bowl for the third straight year.

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Los Angeles King Anze Kopitar scores the game-winning goal on Martin Brodeur Wednesday night in Newark, N.J. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Kopitar keeps Kings on road to Stanley

NHL. Talented forward gives Los Angeles 1-0 lead in championship final over New Jersey

Game 1

Kings	Devils
2	1

Anze Kopitar scored 8:13 into overtime as the Los Angeles Kings defeated the New Jersey Devils 2-1 to open the Stanley Cup final on Wednesday night.

Justin Williams found Kopitar with a backhand pass from his own blue-line and the Kings star raced in alone, deking Martin Brodeur before slipping it over him.

Los Angeles, the eighth seed in the West, is now 9-0 on the road in the playoffs.

The Kings are also 3-0 in overtime in these playoffs. The Devils are 4-2.

In a tight game without much offence from either side, New Jersey's attack disappeared for long stretches before a sold-out crowd of 17,625.

The Devils had five shots in the first period and just four in the second, but still managed to pull even at 1-1 late in the second period on a deflection off a Kings defenceman.

"(There) wasn't much going on offensively for either team," said Kings coach Darryl Sutter. "The way the teams play, it's such tight quarters out there.... Pretty evenly matched teams. There's probably going to be more than one overtime game."

Los Angeles outshot New Jersey 22-16 in regulation.

"We'll be better on Saturday night.... I don't believe we deserved to win tonight, that's the bottom line, and that's what happened," said Devils coach Peter DeBoer. "If we had won, we would have been sneaking one out."

Teams winning Game 1 of the final have gone on to win the cup in 55 of 72 seasons (76 per cent) since the league went to the best-of-seven format in 1939.

Boston bucked that trend last season, however.

Game 2 goes Saturday in New Jersey.

It marked the 24th overtime game of the 2012 playoffs and the first Game 1 of the final to go to overtime since 2002, when the visiting Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Detroit Red Wings 3-2.

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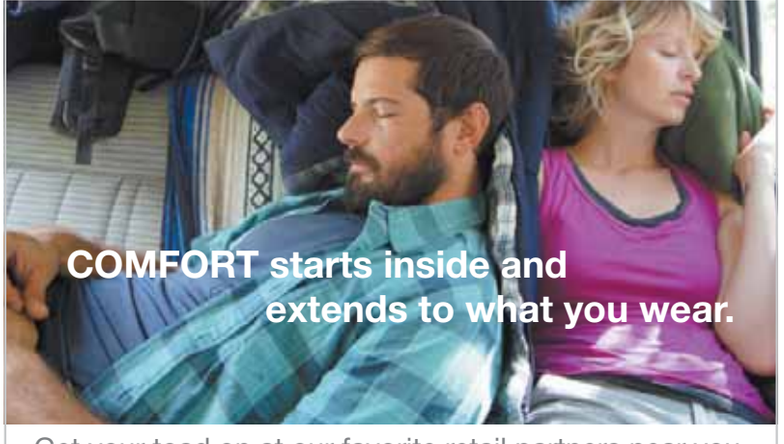

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Tennis

Wozniak to clash with top-seeded Azarenka

Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak defeated China's Zheng Jie 6-2, 6-4 Wednesday to reach the third round of the French Open. The Blainville, Que., native will face top-seeded Victoria Azarenka in the next round. Wozniak dominated in a near-flawless first set and overcame a lapse while leading by a break in the second. That miscue was partly caused by a long injury timeout taken by the No. 34-ranked Zheng with Wozniak leading 3-2. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the web

The European Championship gets underway next week and UEFA officials are trumpeting it as "a true celebration of football in a festive environment." But there's still a troubling undercurrent of human-rights issues in host countries Poland and Ukraine. Scan the code for the story.

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Heat and Celtics players fight for the ball on Wednesday night in Miami. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

Heat scramble to Game 2 win over Celtics

NBA. Miami survives huge night from Boston guard Rondo to take 2-0 series lead

Game 2

Heat	Celtics
115	111

The biggest post-season comeback in Miami Heat franchise history wasn't enough.

The Heat needed more — and got it, digging deep to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

LeBron James scored 34 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, Dwyane Wade scored 23 and the Heat rallied from 15 down to beat the Boston Celtics 115-111 in overtime on Wednesday night.

Mario Chalmers scored 22 for the Heat, who won despite an unbelievable night by Rajon Rondo. The Celtics guard played all 53 minutes and scored 44 points, dished out 10 assists and grabbed eight rebounds. The Heat expected Boston's best — and the Celtics didn't disappoint.

"This group had resolve," Wade said of the Celtics. "They came out and played a great game. It was physical early. They brought the game to us. That can't happen. We used our crowd and the energy to get back into the game and we had to play better."

Paul Pierce scored 21 points, Kevin Garnett added 18 and Ray Allen 13 for Boston.

Rondo finished 16 of 24 from the floor, 10 of 12 from the foul line and made both his three-point tries.

"He was absolutely phenomenal," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "Put us, put the whole team at times on his shoulders.... We had a lot of opportunities to win the game."

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NBA

Hornets land first pick in lottery

The New Orleans Hornets, recently sold by the NBA to Saints owner Tom Benson, won the NBA's draft lottery and the No. 1 pick overall on Wednesday night.

The Hornets have a shot to select a potential star forward in Kentucky's Anthony Davis, considered the best player available.

The Charlotte Bobcats, after the worst season in NBA history, fell to No. 2. Washington will pick third and Cleveland fell one spot to fourth. The Toronto Raptors will pick eighth.

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MLB. Jays' sweep of Orioles soured by loss of Morrow

Wednesday's game

Blue Jays	Orioles
4	1

Brandon Morrow allowed four hits and struck out eight but left the game after being struck on the leg in the seventh inning Wednesday as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-1.

Morrow was diagnosed with a contusion of the right shin and was listed by the club as day to day.

The Blue Jays had solo home runs from Edwin Encarnacion, Rajai Davis, Brett Lawrie of Langley, and Colby Rasmus in completing a three-game sweep of the Orioles.

Until he left the game, Morrow (6-3) showed a big improvement over his previous start at Texas last Friday when he allowed six runs in two-thirds of an inning, his shortest career start.

Morrow pitched 6 1/3 innings and struck out eight in holding the Orioles to one run on Wednesday.

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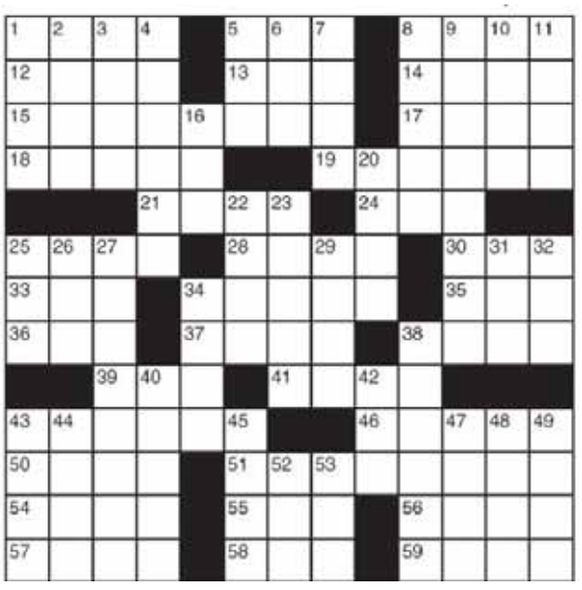
Crossword

Across

1 Related
5 Copper head?
8 Daytime TV entry
12 Last few notes
13 Trigger's rider
14 Data
15 Battling at close range
17 Infamous lyrist
18 Most of Iberia
19 Hippocratic oath reciter
21 Seductress
24 Zodiac sign
25 Ocean motion
28 Baseball nickname
30 Sphere
33 Historic time
34 Smiles
35 Ultramodernist
36 Susan of "L.A. Law"
37 Ice-skating leap
38 Group of quail
39 Pinnacle
41 Unit of force
43 Sandpiper's cousin
46 Match
50 Take on cargo
51 Queued in a way
54 Muscat's land
55 Perfume-label word
56 Actress Dunaway
57 Methods
58 Turn blue?
59 Pal of Kukla and Ollie

Down

1 Gospels' follow-up
2 Former surgeon general
3 Notion
4 Indigenous
5 Illustrations
6 Greet the villain
7 Kept tabs on
8 From then on
9 Pairing off uniquely
10 Hairstyle
11 Indigent
16 — budget
20 Automaker Ransom Eli
22 "You Bet Your Life" host
23 Got nosy
25 Williams or Koppel
26 Anger
27 Ordinary
29 Sans siblings
31 Gun the engine
32 Tarzan's son
34 Yawn
38 Ask to be excused
40 They take the cake
42 Singer Cole
43 Farm implement
44 Tibetan monk
45 Sax player's need
47 Caboose's location
48 One-name New Age singer
49 Paradise
52 Aye canceler
53 Payable



Sudoku

6					3		2	
			7	4			5	
	8		6					7
	9	5		3				
1			4		6			9
				1		2	4	
7					8		1	
	3			7	1			
	2		3					6

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	6	8	4	3	2	7	9	1
2	7	9	5	6	1	4	3	8
4	1	3	8	7	9	6	5	2
6	5	4	2	8	7	9	1	3
9	2	7	1	5	3	8	4	6
8	3	1	9	4	6	5	2	7
7	9	6	3	1	4	2	8	5
3	4	5	6	2	8	1	7	9
1	8	2	7	9	5	3	6	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

MA OI. ALCBV BWZMBWB DL XWZLOW V QWD EMULD, M FRWII PLR OMFJD IVP IJW'B XW V EUVCW QVCW.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE I WAS LEGALLY ORDERED TO KEEP DRY, I AM TAKING PART IN A WETNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals S

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Someone you meet on your travels will tell you something interesting. It may sound a bit harsh but you know the truth when you hear it, so listen, learn and then act.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. What happens today will awaken your sense of injustice and compel you to take action.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't worry about other people's feelings: if you have something to say then you must come out with it right away.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Sometimes conflict is inevitable and that is the way of things now.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. With mind planet Mercury strongly aspected you won't doubt for a moment that you are doing the right thing.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You won't be shy about letting the world know what you think today.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Cosmic activity in one of the more dynamic areas of your chart, which endows you with no small amount of courage, so don't sit there and take criticism that isn't warranted – go on the offensive.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If you want something done you can, of course, do it yourself, but you can just as easily persuade others to do the work for you.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Trust your instincts today and follow them wherever they might lead.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. It's all about attitude: if you believe you can reach your goal you will find a way.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. The best way to avoid trouble is to think before you act – but how likely is that when you feel so adventurous?

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You may not take kindly to others telling you how to do things but if you are smart you will listen.

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Ladies' 14kt yellow gold dual strand rope style bracelet with five faceted amethysts (4.12 cttw), 11.6 grams
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Ladies 18kt white gold classic ring featuring a 0.36 ct diamond SI-2 F and 13 baguette/tapered baguette diamonds (0.41 cttw), 3.5 grams
Appraisal value: $2,900.00
J&M Regular Price $1,339.00
J&M Sale Price $870.00

14kt two-toned mens' wedding band, 7.3 grams
J&M Regular Price $473.00
J&M Sale Price $377.00

14kt yellow gold stylised cross pendant with partially rhodium plated matte and polished frame with polished tips and 10 full cut diamonds (0.10 cttw), 4.1 grams
Appraisal value: $850.00
J&M Regular Price $355.00
J&M Sale Price $230.00

Ladies 14kt yellow gold ring featuring a 2.40 ct medium purple faceted amethyst, 4.6 grams
Appraisal value: $1,000.00
J&M Regular Price $339.00
J&M Sale Price $220.00

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